

SUPPORT OR JOIN YOUR LOCAL PREVENTION COALITION._____

Your local county-wide prevention coalition is:

PREVENT! The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Clark County.

We sponsored the **Community Conversation about Underage Drinking** and have plans to continue to address this issue as part of our work. This report is part of that plan. In addition to underage drinking we intend to identify and address other substance abuse prevention issues in our community.

You're invited to participate and support this work, and to let us know your concerns; but first let us tell you a little about who we are:

PREVENT! is a nonprofit volunteer coalition of community organizations, groups and individuals working together toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy, and drug-free community in Clark County, Washington.

It was conceived by a small number of concerned citizens who hosted a community roundtable in April 2005 to discuss the need for more focused and collaborative community efforts to help keep our youth healthy and drug-free. **PREVENT!** currently has 17 active members representing a wide-range of sectors in Clark County.

Our primary mission is to prevent and reduce youth substance abuse and underage drinking by focusing on three key goals:

- Preventing the onset and reducing the progression of substance abuse (including childhood and underage drinking) by identifying and addressing factors that increase or minimize the risk of substance abuse among youth;
- Preventing and reducing substance abuse-related problems in the community by serving as a catalyst for increased citizen participation and greater collaboration among all sectors of and organizations within Clark County;
- Building prevention capacity and infrastructure in our community to enhance community efforts to promote and deliver substance abuse prevention strategies.

As you can see there is much work to do. Again we invite you to join us in our efforts or let us know how we can help you address underage drinking.

For more information on how you can become involved in **PREVENT!** or how **PREVENT!** can help you, contact: Pamela Dailey, Clark County Department of Community Services, 360-397-2130, pamela.dailey@clark.wa.gov